

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 20, 2000
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995
See The American Inventor's Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Approved for U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PTO/SB/30 (5/2000) OMB 0851-0031
RCE/1743 #

Application Number	09/222,123
Filing Date	12/29/98
First Named Inventor	RAY, et al.
Group Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	CROSS, L.
Attorney Docket	6328-21

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously Submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on 1/23/01.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Response
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: 1 postcard.

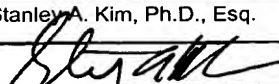
2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951:
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$355.00 enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any overpayment or credit any underpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Stanley A. Kim, Ph.D., Esq.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	42,730
Signature		Date	February 16, 2001

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C., or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Name	Stanley A. Kim, Ph.D., Esq.
Signature	
Date	February 16, 2001

02/27/2001 GTEFFERA 00000068 09222123

01 FC:279

355.00 0P

RECEIVED
FEB 28 2001
TO 170 MAIL ROOM